

that this would be just the beginning of the cut, and if my memory serves me correct, we were more or less told that, no, that it is not that kind of a maneuver or procedure at all. We just want to make this one consolidation and save all this money. Now, I don't know what has happened to all of the money that they've saved. It is quite obvious it hasn't reduced their budget, but it seems to me that beings they have had one consolidation within the last two years, and it also seems to me that we are going to lose over a million dollars in federal funds, that we should restore this money and wait a year or two for this thing to kind of shake out because we have already consolidated. We don't really know whether that is working to the best advantage of everybody so I would urge this body to support Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Miller, please.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, we are going down the wrong road. We are squeezing budgets, looking for a penny ante, nickel and dime savings when that is not the route to go. Our hands are tied in this present Legislature I believe because we can't raise the taxes, even though I don't want to raise taxes any more than anybody, but this is a specific example of where we are making a wrong move. We are reducing spending here that is going to cost us more than it is going to save. All of these proposed cuts have something wrong with them. Either they shift taxes, don't cut taxes, or they cost us more than they are going to save, or they cut us in an area where we cannot afford to be cut because of the necessary service out there. This is the wrong road. I would propose to you that if you say that this is a wrong road, you should have another road that you could choose. Another road would be to find an area that we can no longer afford totally and drop off the program. Maybe John DeCamp is right. Maybe when he says that we cannot afford the Medical College at the University of Nebraska, maybe that is where we start. If your business is losing money, the first thing you tend to do is begin to save 10 and 20 cents or a dollar where you ought to be selling that piece of property that is taking you or making you go broke, that is taking your emphasis off of profit maximization, not allowing you to see which direction you ought to go. It is confusing you, clouding your issue, you don't want to lose a certain thing, so you begin to tighten up, and we have done that for the two years that I have been in this Legislature, and the year previous to that. We have tightened to the point where it is causing us to bleed. This is a classic example. I would urge you to reconsider your